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Fourteenth Annual Breakfast at the Gallops Scheduled for March 18

The City of Aiken Parks, Recreation and Tourism will host the fourteenth annual Breakfast at the Gallops on Friday, March 18, 2022 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Aiken Training Track.

This will be an opportunity to observe juveniles and older campaigners before leaving to go to racetracks throughout the country. Local trainers will be on hand to talk to participants about the various training methods used to train Aiken's equine athletes. Those in attendance should enter the Two Notch Road entrance closest to Audubon Drive. Vehicles must stop for all horses. A light breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.

This year's guest speaker is Caton Bredar, who has worked as a broadcaster and horse racing analyst for over 20 years.

Caton Bredar grew up in the shadow of Arlington Park Racetrack, destined for a life in racing. Her father, the late Raymond Metzler, was a trainer and farm manager for Rogers Red Top Farm. Her maternal grandfather, Ted Atkinson was a Hall of Fame Jockey and leading rider in North America in the 1940s and 50s before serving as Illinois Senior State Steward.

Before moving to Kentucky, Bredar lived in Los Angeles, where she was the first on-air talent hired for the new horse racing channel, Television Games Network (TVG). She served as their lead anchor for four years, covering national and international major races including the Arc de Triumphe and the Barbados Gold Cup. Bredar returned to TVG in 2015 and continues to cover racing at Gulfstream Park, Keeneland, Kentucky Downs, Churchill Downs and the Fair Grounds as well as major events like the Breeders' Cup and Triple Crown. During her time away from TVG, Bredar worked for HRTV covering major racing events across the nation and the Gulfstream Park Championship meet.

Caton was the horseback reporter for ESPN/ABC's coverage of numerous events including the Breeders' Cup Classic, where Zenyatta suffered her first defeat. She also worked five years as a horseback reporter in the United Arab Emirates, where she covered the richest race in the world, the Dubai World Cup.

Bredar has appeared on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2, CBS, and FOX along with count-less regional and local networks, and she has been a regular contributor to publications including Horseplayer, Trainer and the Chicago Sun-Times. She has been a regular on "Down the Stretch" with Dave Johnson and Bill Finley on SIRIUS/XM.

Tickets for Breakfast at the Gallops are \$20 each in advance and \$25 each at the gate. Space is limited and tickets may be purchased at the H. Odell Weeks Center, Folly (downtown Aiken), Meybohm Real Estate (downtown Aiken), Aiken Training Track Office, the Aiken Visitors Center & Train Museum (406 Park Avenue SE) and the Aiken County Visitors Center (133 Laurens St NW). There are no refunds.

Breakfast at the Gallops is sponsored by Folly, Aiken County Farm Supply, Mosaic Racing Stable, Suzy Haslup - Meybohm Real Estate, Larlee Construction, The Aiken Horse and the Aiken Training Track.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will support the Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum.

For more information, call 803-642-7631, e-mail halloffame@cityofaikensc.gov or visit the Hall of Fame website at www.aikenracinghalloffame.com.

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